

**Westlake Avenue North
Parking Workgroup Meeting 1
December 11, 2006, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Cascade People's Center, 309 Pontius Avenue North**

Meeting Summary

Members Present: Phil Bannon
Ann Bassetti
Jim Codling
Robert Gerrish
Tim Hesterberg
Lynne Reister
Lloyd Shugart
Cameron Strong
Stan Waldrop
Bill Wehrenberg
Bill Wiginton
Tim Zamberlin

Members Absent: Richard Ashton
Don Stonehill

SDOT Attendees: Marty Curry (consultant)
Wayne Wentz
Mike Estey
Tracy Krawczyk
Sue Partridge

1. Welcome, Introductions and Meeting Purpose

Marty Curry began the meeting by describing that the purpose of the Parking Workgroup is to work with City staff to address Westlake Avenue North (WAN) parking issues identified by stakeholders and develop parking management recommendations to present to the City Traffic Engineer. Participants then introduced themselves.

2. Discussion with City Traffic Engineer

Wayne Wentz has been Seattle City Traffic Engineer for about one year, before which he was the City Traffic Engineer for Everett. The role of the City Traffic Engineer is established by State law for cities over a certain size.

Wentz presented SDOT's priorities for managing WAN parking to "encourage parking turnover, customer access, and efficient allocation of parking among diverse users" as stated in Seattle's Comprehensive Plan. In doing so, SDOT is trying to achieve an 85% peak occupancy by using different technologies to respond to different needs. Wentz emphasized that he is open-minded about the solution, and believes in listening to citizens and seriously considering the opinions of those directly affected by his decision. He recognized the uniqueness of the WAN corridor.

Wentz discussed the management of public right-of-way being governed by State and City regulations, which prohibit such practices as giving free or reduced-fee parking permits to a

class of users such as employees or other users, except residents. Further discussion included the merits of time-limited versus paid parking, and bicycle use on the WAN corridor. When asked about the City Council's expectations for WAN-generated revenue, Wentz stated that, although revenue assumptions are included in the adopted 2007 budget, they can be amended as necessary.

Wentz agreed to convey a WAN problem definition from his point of view to present to the Workgroup.

3. Workgroup Operating Procedures

Marty Curry led a discussion on Workgroup procedures. Attendance is expected at all meetings; if members cannot make a meeting they should contact SDOT's Sue Partridge in advance. There are five meetings currently scheduled, with a sixth in reserve if needed. All future meetings will be held in the Armory at South Lake Union.

Curry discussed two potential formats for the final recommendation to Wayne Wentz: either the group will reach consensus on issues, or, if no consensus is possible, the recommendation may be in the form of a majority/minority report, so that dissenting positions can be voiced. Mike Estey added that, if consensus cannot be reached, SDOT staff may also make a separate recommendation, which would be shared and discussed with the Workgroup.

4. Summary of Information Needs and Availability

Mike Estey passed out a list of the information SDOT has or has been asked for, and led a discussion of further data that would be useful. Workgroup members suggested the following additional data be collected:

- Number of parking spaces for the WRQ building and the health club, in addition to the Marriott
- Boundary definitions of WAN and South Lake Union neighborhoods
- Revenue forecast for WAN in the 2007 City budget
- SPD parking enforcement deployment data
- Land use and zoning codes applicable to WAN, including parking requirements
- Information on parking spaces lost with the Armory and SLU Park redevelopment and parking plans for Armory events
- Information on plans for new or more frequent bus service on WAN
- Information on the intended use of the bike path
- City programs/incentives for reduced parking demands
- Information on future zoning in the area
- Links to the City's Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Strategic Plan

SDOT will compile and distribute as much of this data as possible, along with what is listed on the handout, before the next meeting. This information will also be made available on SDOT's Westlake Avenue North web site.

5. Workgroup Scope, Schedule, Future Agendas

Mike Estey passed out a chart of suggest topic areas for future meetings. There was discussion regarding the format of the final product from the Workgroup, and Estey said that it's flexible. SDOT agreed to develop an outline draft of a final product format for discussion at the third meeting. One potential topic added to the list was Travel Demand Management (TDM).

It was generally agreed that the second meeting should be devoted to data analysis and fact-finding before setting the agendas for the following weeks. There was some concern voiced that the agendas might be so full that there will not be enough time for discussion. Estey confirmed that it would be possible to have an additional meeting if appropriate to fully cover the relevant topics.

6. Closing Feedback and Assignments

SDOT will distribute the problem definition statement by Wayne Wentz before the next meeting. Workgroup members will be given an assignment to develop their own problem statement for the third meeting.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 8, 2007, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the SLU Armory, room 127C.
Please send any additions or corrections to these notes to sue.partridge@seattle.gov.

Attachments:

1. Data Inventory (handout, updated with 12/11 Workgroup information)
2. Members' affiliation list
3. Workgroup Topics (handout—see attached pdf file)

Attachment 1

Westlake Avenue North Parking Workgroup
12-19-06
Data Inventory

| Information | Source |
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| Types, Sources of Data Shared with Workgroup 12-11-06 | |
| Detailed parking occupancy study for May 24, 25, 26, 2005 and August 9, 10, 11, 2005 | 2005 Westlake Avenue North Parking Study |
| Parking space count: from the south end of the parking corridor to the end of the continuously paved right-of-way at the north end | 2005 Westlake Avenue North Parking Study |
| Number of time limit spaces, by time restriction and approximate locations | 2005 Westlake Avenue North Parking Study |
| Number of dumpsters and approximate locations | SDOT on-site inventory |
| Number of designated accessible (State disabled parking permit) spaces and approximate locations | SDOT on-site inventory |
| Number of load zone spaces and approximate locations | SDOT on-site inventory |
| Saturday peak parking occupancy data for August 19 and September 30, 2006 – informal data collection | Seattle Police Department (SPD) Parking Enforcement |
| Number of available moorage spaces | Westlake Avenue North Association (WANA) |
| Number of houseboats | WANA |
| Metro Route 17 Westlake boarding data | King County Metro Transit |
| Number of “free” South Lake Union on-street parking spaces within walking distance of the Westlake parking corridor that will become “paid” spaces in 2007 | 2006 South Lake Union Parking Study |
| Number of residential units along the east and west sides of Westlake Avenue North | City of Seattle geographic information system (GIS) |
| Number of businesses and total number of employees along the east and west sides of Westlake Avenue North | City of Seattle GIS |
| Number of parking spaces at the Marriott hotel, WRQ building, health club, AGC, 1700 building | SDOT and WANA surveys |
| Comparison parking citation data for Westlake Avenue North, Chandler’s Cove and Ballard Locks | Seattle Municipal Court (limited ability to extract data) |
| State regulations regarding public rights-of-way | Revised Code of Washington |
| Federal case law regarding Residential Parking Zones | City Attorney reference |
| Additional Data Suggested by WAN Workgroup 12-11-06 | |

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| Boundary definitions of WAN and South Lake Union neighborhoods | City of Seattle GIS |
| 2007 City revenue forecast for WAN | 2007 adopted budget |
| SPD parking enforcement deployment data | SPD |
| Land use and zoning codes applicable to WAN, including parking requirements | DPD – Seattle Municipal Code |
| Parking spaces lost with the Armory and SLU Park redevelopment, and assumed parking for events | Seattle Parks Department |
| Plans for bus service on WAN | King County Metro Transit |
| References to the intended use of the multipurpose path on Westlake | Reference material from prior Westlake project |
| Programs/incentives for reduced parking demands | SDOT, King County Metro Transit |
| Information on future zoning in the area | Department of Planning and Development (DPD) |
| Links to the City's Comprehensive Plan, Transportation Strategic Plan | City of Seattle web site |

Attachment 2

**Westlake Avenue North
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| Richard Ashton | Owner/manager |
| Phil Bannon | North end resident |
| Ann Bassetti | Houseboat, marina owner |
| Jim Codling | Marina user |
| Robert Gerrish | Resident--Lakewest Condo. Assn. |
| Tim Hesterberg | Employee |
| Lynne Reister | Resident, marine vendor |
| Lloyd Shugart | Marina tenant, Marina Tenants Assn. |
| Don Stonehill | Liveaboard |
| Cameron Strong | Boater w/ moorage lease |
| Reta Waldrop | Westside resident |
| Stan Waldrop | Westside resident |
| Bill Wehrenberg | Houseboat & liveaboard |
| Bill Wiginton | Owner/manager & resident |
| Tim Zamberlin | Owner/manager |